

5. WORK SONG

(Women)

Music: Gary Daverne
Words: Ruth Hamilton

With Desperation ♩ = 108

Women

Piano

mf

Solo: My *mf*

5

man is a weav - er weav - ing cloth for pay,
man is the cob - bler payed to mend your shoes,
man's a small hold - er grow - ing food for you.

7

Fac - tor - ies have op - ened up, we'll have no work to - day. Where
Starv - ing peo - ple can - not pay, now we can't pay our dues. *All:* Where
He pays tax - es for the poor, now we're poor peo - ple too. Where

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shall we go to find some work? We must be bold.
shall we go to find some work? We must be bold.
shall we go to find some word? We must be bold.

11

Shall we go to Man - ches - ter Where the streets are paved with
Shall we go to Birm - ing - ham. Where the streets are paved with
Shall we go to Lon - don town. Where the streets are paved with

13

gold? Gold. Gold. My
gold? Gold. Gold. My
gold? Gold. Gold. My

21

Where the streets are paved with gold. *f*

29
Solo woman: My man is a poor man beg - gars we will be.

32
 Change the Gov - ern - ment and laws. Set us poor folk free. Where

34
 can we go to find some work, be - fore we are too old?

36
 We will march on Man - ches - ter. Where the streets are paved with

38
 gold. *molto rit.* *All:* Where the streets are paved with

41 *Slower* ♩ = 92
f gol - d. Gol - d. Gol - d. Gold.

45
 Gol - d. Gol - d. Gol - d. Gold. *rit.*

50 *Slower* ♩ = 92
All: *f* Man - ches - ter. Eigh - teen nine - teen Man - ches - ter.

Narrator: 1891. Manchester.

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Narrator: *On the morning of 16th August 1819 at St. Peters Square, Manchester, the peaceful crowd gathered to protest, with dignity and discipline, the majority dressed in their Sunday best.*

69

f Man-ches-ter Eight-teen nine-teen Pe-ter-loo *p*

75

p

Narrator: *On horseback the cavalry came, armed with sabres.*

By 2pm, the carnage was over and the field left full with abandoned banners and dead bodies. An event that became known as..... The Peterloo Massacre.

85

Soulful

p Pe - ter - loo

89

Strident ♩ = 84

ff Eigh - teen nine - teen *rit.* Pe - ter - *fff* loo.

Peterloo was originally composed in a shorter version, in 1978, while the composer was Composer in Schools for two years, at Auckland's North Shore Teacher's College. It was written for and performed by the College music department under the direction of Stuart Manins.

The handwritten manuscript remained untouched until 2006 when the composer loaded it on to a computer, revisited it again in 2017, revised and lengthened it to its present form.